

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED JUDICIAL BRANCH  
BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning admission to practice law in this state of  
2 persons admitted to practice law in a territory of the  
3 United States.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 602.10109, Code 2018, is amended to read  
2 as follows:

3 **602.10109 Practitioners from other ~~states~~ jurisdictions.**

4 Any person who is a resident of this state, and has been  
5 admitted to the bar of any other state in the United States ~~or,~~  
6 the District of Columbia, or territory of the United States,  
7 may, in the discretion of the court, be admitted to practice in  
8 this state without examination or proof of a period of study.  
9 The person, in the application for admission to practice law  
10 in this state, in addition to all other requirements stated in  
11 this chapter, shall establish that the person has practiced law  
12 for five full years under license in such jurisdiction within  
13 the seven years immediately preceding the date of application  
14 and still holds a license to practice law. The teaching of law  
15 as a full-time instructor in a recognized law school in this  
16 state or some other state shall for the purpose of this section  
17 be deemed the practice of law. Any person who has discharged  
18 actual legal duties as a member of the armed services of  
19 the United States shall be deemed to have practiced law for  
20 the purposes of this section if certified to as such by the  
21 judge advocate general of the service. The court may charge  
22 an investigation fee based upon the cost of conducting the  
23 investigation as determined by the court.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill authorizes the admission to practice law in this  
28 state without examination of an applicant who is a resident of  
29 this state authorized to practice law in a territory of the  
30 United States in the same manner as the admission of applicants  
31 authorized to practice law in any other state or the District  
32 of Columbia.